

## **The Solemnity of the BVM, the Mother of God – 01/01/ 20**

Today is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God – Jesus' mother and our mother also.

Honoring the Mother of God is the perfect way to begin the New Year.

So often I remind everyone of the importance of consecrating their hearts to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The promises associated with this devotion are immense but most importantly is the promise of mercy and final repentance at the hour of death.

However, if we really want to take full advantage of the promises our Lord offers through his mother then there is one more thing we all need to do.

Our Lady promised Sr. Lucia at Fatima that she would assist at the hour of death in a very special way all those who on the first Saturday of five consecutive months confess their sins, receive Holy Communion, pray a rosary and keep her company in prayer for fifteen minutes meditating on the mysteries of the rosary.

Pamphlets with more information about why these five Saturdays are so important to our Lady will be available after Mass in the gathering space.

Regardless, this coming Saturday is the first Saturday of the month and a great way to begin this devotion and the New Year.

Everything necessary to begin this devotion will happen right here this Saturday.

Mary desires that all of her children not only be saved but become saints by growing every day in deeper intimacy with her son so that we no longer behave as slaves but as sons and daughters and heirs to the kingdom confident to call God our Father.

Today, on this most glorious Solemnity of the Mother of God let's take a moment to remember Mary in our own hearts and resolve to consecrate not just a portion of it but all of it to her Immaculate Heart.

And let's also resolve to give her those five Saturdays because if it's important to our Mother it should be important to us also. In the end, when we are lying on our deathbeds and she comes rushing to our aid, I guarantee, we won't regret having done so.